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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Roby, et al. EXAMINER: E. C. Cameron
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FOR: **SILICONIZED SURGICAL
NEEDLES AND METHODS FOR
THEIR MANUFACTURE**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

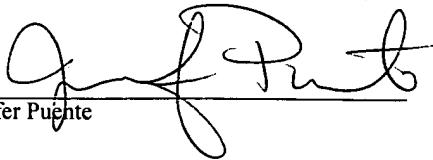
Amendments to the Claims are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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